



August 13, 2004

Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: MM Docket No. 99-325
Presentation of National Public Radio, Inc.
Ex Parte Notice**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1200, et seq., of the Commission's Rules, National Public Radio, Inc. ("NPR") hereby notifies the Commission of the following *ex parte* presentation by NPR in the above-referenced proceeding.

On August 12, 2004, Mike Starling, NPR Vice President for Engineering, John Kean, NPR Senior Technologist, and Jan Andrews, NPR Senior Engineer, met with the following individuals from the FCC: Susan Crawford, Rudy Bonacci, George Gwinn, Norm Miller, and Ann Gallagher, all of the Audio Division, Media Bureau; and Michael Mehigan of the Columbia Field Office. The meeting took place at NPR's studios to demonstrate NPR's ongoing HD Radio research and development, focusing on subjective codec testing for inclusion of radio reading services in the IBOC FM system, as described in NPR's Reply Comments filed in response to the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Notice of Inquiry in the above-referenced proceeding. The parties discussed the timetable for such initial testing, which is expected to be completed during September 2004.

Please direct any questions you may have to the undersigned at 202-513-2055.

Sincerely,

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